

REMARKS

Prior to this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-35 were pending in the application. New claims 36-40 have been added to more clearly describe the variable size extent mapping scheme. No new matter is added by these amendments with support being found at least in the originally filed claims and in the specification at least at page 9, lines 6-9.

Claims 1-40 remain in this application for consideration by the Examiner.

Please charge the \$90 fee for additional claims to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 Any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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